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"The rattlesnake like the skunk," said an old rattlesnake hunter, "minds its own business and doesn't interfere with any other creature, unless it is molested. In an old wood road one spring I got sight of a rattlesnake and a pheasant near together. The pheasant was in a tree and the snake and the snake's eyes were glittering at it from the center of its coil, so I kept back, expecting to see the rattlesnake of coiling around the rattler, but the latter whaled it on the rocks till it was completely disabled, whereupon I hoisted it and struck the blacksnake twice in the side. Then the rattlesnake coiled and watched the writhings of the blacksnake till it died. I wanted the blacksnake to kill the rattler, but as it failed to do so I killed it myself."

"The most interesting snake fight I

It soon noticed that the pheasant was crippled, but that it picked all around the rattlesnake, as though it didn't see it, although the snake moved its head and eyed the bird. When the pheasant had limped around in front of the snake it was not more than a quarter of the snake's length away from the coil, but the rattler didn't stir, and the bird continued to feed.

As a sudden a wildcat pounced on the pheasant from the side of the road, and just as suddenly the rattler shot out its head, struck its fangs in the wildcat's left shoulder. The wildcat leaped into the air with a scream, the pheasant fluttered into the brush, and the snake struck again just as the wildcat came down, hitting it in the back. The rattler then turned upon a log, and began to twist its side, and the rattler threw itself into a coil and

gave a cry, jumped down and started to run around the snake, hissing and spitting till the rattler struck again, but failed to reach. It coiled once more, and like a flash the wildcat got its teeth in the back of its neck, rendering the snake powerless to use its fangs, and while the rattler was writhing the wildcat ripped its body into strips with its hind claws. Then the wildcat got upon the log and began to lick its shoulder, but in three or four minutes it tumbled off, had a spasm or two, and stretched out as dead as the snake was.

"While engaged in killing my neighbor," started the skunk, for it instantly turned its odoriferous weapon on the spot the sound came from. The spray struck the rattlesnake square in the face and instantly the reptile flew into the most violent passion, writhing, rattling and striking, as though a quid of tobacco had been dropped into its mouth. The skunkening odor overcame the snake and inside of five minutes it worked itself into such a fit of rage or pain that it jubbied its fangs into its body and killed itself."—N. Y. Sun.

Not So Easy.

"Well, old man, four thousand del-

"Ten minutes' work!" ejaculated the successful prize fighter. "I s'pose you forget that I have had to make no less than four hundred and eighty-seven speeches in the last three months, besides all the newspaper fellows I've had to talk to. I guess you think my pugilistic has got a puddin'."—*Indianapolis Journal.*

Two feet of its body from the limb directly over the rattlesnake, where it remained stationary, the two snakes cying one another like gamecocks ready for battle. In a short time the blacksnake let its head swing from right to left, and at that the rattlesnake buzzed a little, ran out its tongue and moved its head, so as to keep track of the blacksnake's movements. While swinging the blacksnake lowered itself a little further, and when the heads of the two were about three feet apart the blacksnake slid from the tree so quickly that I couldn't see how it did it, and in the next instant the jaws of the two were

the blacksnake on the rock so fast and furiously that the blacksnake had no chance to coil itself around its antagonist. It was plain that the rattlesnake had fastened its fangs in the blacksnake's under jaw when the blacksnake

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